4-H August-September Opportunities & Events

Announcements & Recognitions:
At this year’s 2018 State 4-H Congress Charleston & Dorchester teens and volunteers took home awards in every major category!

- Nikole Rivers from St. George’s 4-H Explorers Club won the coveted Presidential Tray, this is the top honor in 4-H. The Tray comes with an educational scholarship and is designed to recognize the top four Senior 4-H members who are National 4-H Congress and/or National 4-H Conference alumni and have outstanding accomplishments in 4-H.
- William Roberts from the 4-H Explorers Club won a National Congress trip. This trip (and small educational scholarship) is awarded annually to Senior 4-H members with outstanding achievements in their 4-H projects and activities. He will be representing SC at the annual 4-H Congress in Altana, Georgia this fall. William was also recognized at the congress Luncheon for winning the SC Small Garden Project and for serving on the SC 4-H Forestry Team.
- Ian Adams from the Charleston Clovers 4-H club in Ladson won a National Conference trip. This trip (and a small educational scholarship) is awarded to four Senior 4-H members with outstanding achievements in leadership and citizenship. He will be representing SC at the annual 4-H Conference in DC this spring. Ian was also elected to SC Teen Council to represent the Savannah Valley Region for the 2018-19 club year.
- Lori Thomas from the 4-H Explorers Club in St. George won the Volunteer Glen Krohn Award. This award recognizes outstanding volunteer leadership in the 4-H program.
- The Plemons family had two winners for the SC Honey Bee Project, Margot and Luanne were recognized at the State Congress Luncheon as the State winner and the Savannah Valley Region winner respectively.

Figure 1: Ian Adams, Nikole Rivers, William Roberts, Lori Thomas
• **4-H Coastal Carolina Fair Book, coming soon!**
The 2017 book is online for you to review for ideas, dates will change but no other major changes for 2018.

• **August- December- Teen/Ambassador Volunteer Opportunities.** Teens are needed to help with in-school, after school, weekend, and fair programs. Email [JScales@clemson.edu](mailto:JScales@clemson.edu) for info.

• **Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship Workshop- August 4th**

Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship
August 4th, 10am-noon @ 259 Meeting St, Charleston Ext. Office

4-H Showmanship focuses on the skill and knowledge of the youth showing the animal, not the quality of the animal being shown. This showmanship workshop will cover proper handling techniques and prepare youth for local Showmanship competitions. No experience needed. Bring your rabbit or guinea pig with you.

**RSVP by 8/1 by emailing JScales@Clemson.edu**

• **4-H Ambassador Program- Event August 11; Registration due August 6-** email [JScales@clemson.edu](mailto:JScales@clemson.edu) for more information. Open to 4-H Teens. Registration Link- [https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/leadership_citizenship/ambassador_app.pdf](https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/leadership_citizenship/ambassador_app.pdf)

• **SC 4-H Wildlife Food Plot Project- Registration closes Aug 10.**

  Link- [https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/natural_resources/wildlife_food_plot/index.html](https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/natural_resources/wildlife_food_plot/index.html)

  The Wildlife Food Plot Project is a hands-on environmental education program and an independent-study project that allows youth (ages 5-18) an opportunity to establish, maintain, and observe a wildlife food plot.

• **WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program) Training- Aug. 24th, Registration Due Aug. 15th.**

  Training runs from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM on Friday, August 24, at the NWTF Headquarters in Edgefield. WHEP is a hands-on environmental education program that provides participants an opportunity to test their wildlife knowledge in a friendly competition, as each state supporting WHEP conducts an annual contest where teams of 3-4 similarly aged individuals gather. Registration Link- [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/whep-educators-training-registration-47350930909](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/whep-educators-training-registration-47350930909)
Poultry Showmanship

Sept 8th, 10am-noon @ 259 Meeting St, Charleston Ext. Office

4-H Showmanship focuses on the skill and knowledge of the youth showing the animal, not the quality of the animal being shown. This workshop will cover proper handling techniques and prepare youth for local Showmanship competitions. No experience needed. No animal needed for this workshop, a hen will be provided. Please do not bring any birds.

RSVP by 7/27 to Jscales@Clemson.edu.

4-H Volunteer Conference, Sept 27-30th, Rock Eagle Center Eatonton, GA.
Volunteer training and workshops. Registration is $325. Join us for fun-filled days of networking, learning, and exchanging ideas. The conference includes seven different educational sessions with focused tracks as options, dynamic and innovative speakers and performers, great food, great location and great fun! Registration Link- https://vcoss.weebly.com/

Call to Action: Our greatest need is 4-H leaders for community clubs. We have youth in all areas of Charleston and Dorchester looking for clubs to join. If you are passionate about helping local youth and you have an interest in Natural Resources, Agriculture and Animals, Personal Development, Leadership and Citizenship, Healthy Lifestyles, or Science, Engineering & Technology let me know. I will work with new leaders to make sure they have the support and help they need to make the club a success.

4-H Club Basics:

- Clubs have at least one certified Adult Volunteer Leader and youth officers
- Clubs are open to any youth ages 5yrs-19yrs
- 4-H membership fees are $10 a year, members are given a 4-H shirt.
- Clubs must have at least 5 youth from at least 2 different families.
- Clubs members must spend at least 6 hours a year working towards a 4-H goal.
- Club leaders can pick where, when, and what topic their club works on. The Youth officers help lead the meetings.
- The 4-H Agent is a resource for the club and can help with ideas and club logistics
- After the initial 6 meetings a club will meet with the agent and turn in a club charter application and set up a club financial account. Once approved the club can use the 4-H Clover to raise funds and promote their club.